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Urging the issuance of a certificate of loss of nationality for Anwar al-Awlaki.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DENT (for himself, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. AUSTRIA, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. POSEY, Mr. GERLACH, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. UPTON, Mr. BARTLETT, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. OLSON, and Mr. PITTS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Urging the issuance of a certificate of loss of nationality
for Anwar al-Awlaki.

Whereas Anwar al-Awlaki was born in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on April 22, 1971, and is therefore a citizen of the United States;

Whereas al-Awlaki is also a citizen of the Republic of Yemen, who was raised there from 1971 until 1991, and after living and studying in the United States for more than a decade, again returned to Yemen in 2004;

Whereas al-Awlaki, through his indoctrination, incitement, and radicalization of persons recruited into the service of al Qaeda and related organizations, has functioned as a

member of al Qaeda since before the attacks of September 11, 2001, and thereby sought to carry out terrorist acts and otherwise engage in hostilities against the United States;

Whereas al-Awlaki, while acting as a Muslim cleric and as an imam at the Rabat mosque and the Dar al Hijrah mosque, counseled several of the 9/11 hijackers;

Whereas al-Awlaki seeks to radicalize persons from around the world and recruit on behalf of al Qaeda by broadcasting messages over the Internet, including audio recordings and postings from “Imam Anwar’s Blog” which incite his followers to carry out attacks against the United States on behalf of his radical views;

Whereas, in January 2009, Awlaki published “44 Ways to Support Jihad”, which preaches that al-Awlaki’s “culture of martyrdom needs to be revived because the enemy of Allah fears nothing more than our love of death”, and “it is necessary for you to join a group that has Jihad as its main objective”;

Whereas, on November 5, 2009, Major Nidal Hasan, who sought spiritual guidance from and communicated with al-Awlaki, killed 13 people and wounded 30 others in cold blood at Fort Hood, Texas, an act which al-Awlaki later praised as “heroic”;

Whereas al-Awlaki has furthered his teachings by interpreting and translating into English the writings and theories of Yousef al-Ayyiri, who founded al Qaeda’s operational network in Saudi Arabia and acted as the mastermind behind the May 2003 suicide bombings in Riyadh;

Whereas, on December 25, 2009, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, a Nigerian national, attempted to destroy Northwest Airlines flight 253, admitted to FBI interrogators that he had been trained by an al Qaeda branch in Yemen and had carried out his unsuccessful bombing attempt under direct orders from al-Awlaki, confirming that al-Awlaki was much more than a spiritual advisor, but rather a facilitator and supervisor of terrorist operations;

Whereas, on or about March 18, 2010, al-Awlaki, voluntarily and in his own voice, incited all Muslims, including his fellow U.S. citizens, to commit treason by taking up arms against the United States, stating emphatically, “jihad against America is binding upon myself, just as it is binding on every other Muslim”; and

Whereas as he did when inciting and commanding Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, Anwar al-Awlaki remains acting as an operative for al Qaeda’s conspiracy to overthrow, put down, or to destroy by force the Government of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives urges
 2 that a certificate of loss of nationality should be issued
 3 by the appropriate diplomatic or consular officer for ap-
 4 proval by the Secretary of State and forwarded to U.S.
 5 Citizen and Immigration Services finding that Anwar al-
 6 Awlaki voluntarily relinquished his status as a United
 7 States citizen—

1 (1) by voluntarily participating in and collabo-
2 rating with Armed Forces seeking to carry out hos-
3 tilities against the United States;

4 (2) by inciting peaceful Muslims to join al
5 Qaeda in jihad against the United States by engag-
6 ing in acts of violence against the people of the
7 United States;

8 (3) by teaching members and supporters of al
9 Qaeda and related organizations subject to the Au-
10 thorization for the Use of Military Force (Public
11 Law 107–40 (2001)), that they have a duty to en-
12 gage in acts of terrorism against the people of the
13 United States; and

14 (4) by participating in al Qaeda’s call for the
15 violent overthrow of the Government of the United
16 States.

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